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Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is the independent federal agency that works to give people across America the opportunity to participate in and experience the arts. The NEA is the only funder, public or private, that provides access to the arts in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.

Nationwide, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the arts. Thanks to historic investments, the NEA is helping the arts and cultural sector to recover, rebuild, and reopen. In 2020:

- Arts and cultural production in Indiana added 2% or \$7.6 billion to the state's economy.
- Indiana's arts and cultural industries employed **78,328** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$4.6** billion.

GRANTS TO THE STATE

Over a five-year period (FY 2018-2022), the NEA distributed \$11,716,696 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.

The Arts Endowment awarded **130** direct grants throughout Indiana over the past 5 years, totaling **\$9,985,588**. These direct grants included:

- Urban Artisans, a vocational internship program for youth with disabilities
- IndyArts Education, a collective impact initiative connecting schools with arts organizations to ensure equitable access to arts education for students in Indianapolis
- The annual MLK Day Celebration Concert in South Bend, featuring young African American and Latino artists

NEA NATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE STATE

In addition to offering direct grants, the NEA supports national initiatives benefiting people across the country. Over the past five years:

Blue Star Museums program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **84** participating museums in Indiana.

Poetry Out Loud program provided opportunities for an average of **1,408** students per year attending **77** unique high schools in Indiana to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation— great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **247** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **12,478** adults and students in Indiana.











